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FREEBRIDGE LYNN

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

INCLUDING THE REPORT

of the

SURVEYOR

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1968


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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN

FOR THE YEAR 1968.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1968.

I am sorry to have to record the death of my predecessor, Dr. C.T. Jones in January 1969. By his outstanding character, sympathy, and quiet humour he had impressed all who met him. He is sadly missed.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population of our area is 13,600. After allowing for births during this year it is evident that 549 people have moved into our area from outside.

From March until June there were many cases of dysentery in King's Lynn schools and our Public Health Inspectors were busy investigating the possible sources.

The figures for immunisations remain satisfactory.

There was a considerable rise in the number of male deaths, but these occurred in the elderly and might have been expected to occur at any time. The mass of our working population remains healthy with no sign of any dangerous infections or morbid tendencies.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Chairman and Council for their kind consideration during the year and express my appreciation of the work of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, Mr. Watkins.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

J.M. HANLEY,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.





# VITAL STATISTICS.

ESTIMATED (MID - YEAR) HOME POPULATION (REGISTRAR GENERAL ) 13,600

<u>DEATHS.</u>	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
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All ages .. .. .	110	58	168
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Infants under 1 year of age			
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Legitimate .. .. .	2	3	5
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Illegitimate .. .. .	1	-	1
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Infants under 4 weeks of age			
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Legitimate .. .. .	1	3	4
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Illegitimate .. .. .	1	-	1
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Under 1 week of age			
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Legitimate .. .. .	1	2	3
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Illegitimate .. .. .	1	-	1
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Tuberculosis .. .. .	-	-	-
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Malignant Growths (Cancers etc.			
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other than Lung) .. .. .	19	12	31
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Cancer of Lung .. .. .	4	-	4
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## LIVEBIRTHS.

Number .. .. .	116	113	229
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Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .			16.8
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Illegitimate live births .. .. .	8	10	18
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Illegitimate live births per cent of total livebirths .. .. .			7.8%
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## STILLBIRTHS.

Number .. .. .			4
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Rate per 1,000 total live & stillbirths			17 (14.3)
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Total live and stillbirths .. .. .			233
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<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (under 1 year)			6
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## INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births			26
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Legitimate Infant deaths per 1,000			
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Legitimate livebirths .. .. .			23.7 (18.3)
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Illegitimate Infant deaths per 1,000			
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Illegitimate livebirths .. .. .			55
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Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under			
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4 weeks per 1,000 total livebirths)			21.8 (12.4)
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Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under			
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1 week per 1,000 total livebirths)			17.4
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Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and			
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deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000			
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total live and stillbirths			34.3 (24.7)
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<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including abortion)			NIL
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<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u> Respiratory : Mortality rate per 1,000			NIL
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<u>CANCER</u> Cancer of Lungs : Mortality rate per 1,000			0.30
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Cancer, all other forms : Mortality rate per 1,000			2.2
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<u>CORRECTED DEATH RATE</u> per 1,000 population (actual 12.4 )			11.2 (11.8)
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<u>CORRECTED BIRTH RATE</u>			16.8 (16.9)
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<u>NATURAL INCREASE</u> (excess of births over deaths during the year			61
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(number in parenthesis are national average)





CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968 IN THE  
RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN.

AGE IN YEARS

	SEX	Total all ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	1	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	and over
1. Tuberculosis:Respiratory	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. " Other forms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic disease	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm-Stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm-Lung Bronchus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm-Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm-Uterus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant Neoplasm	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
15. Diabetes Mellitus	M	15	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	6	3	3	-
16. Other Endocrine etc., diseases	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	-
17. Anaemias	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18. Other diseases of Nervous System, etc.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19. Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20. Other forms of Heart Disease	F	28	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	8	14	-
21. Cerebrovascular Disease	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	5	-
22. Other diseases of cir- culatory system	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. Influenza	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24. Pneumonia	F	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	12	-
25. Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-
26. Asthma	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
27. Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28. Other diseases of digest- ive system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
29. Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30. Hyperplasia of Prostate	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
31. Other diseases, Genito- Uninary system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Congenital anomalies	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33. Birth Injury, difficult Labour etc.	M	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. Other causes of peri- natal mortality	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36. Motor vehicle accidents	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37. All other accidents	M	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
38. Suicide and self inflic- ted injuries	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	110	2	1	2	1	4	1	1	5	19	28	46	
	F	58	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	14	31	





DEATHS BY SOME DISEASES OVER PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS

	1963			1964			1965			1966			1967			1968		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
T.B. Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer of Lung	2	1	3	3	-	3	6	-	6	6	1	7	6	-	6	4	-	4
All other Cancers	10	9	19	12	14	26	7	10	17	10	13	23	10	11	21	19	12	31
Leukaemia	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coronary Disease	7	10	17	20	7	27	27	11	38	16	13	29	19	18	37	28	16	44
High Blood Pressure with Heart Disease	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	24	8	32
Other Heart Diseases	4	10	14	8	16	24	6	2	8	3	5	8	5	9	14	5	3	8
Influenza	2	2	4	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bronchitis	5	1	6	2	1	3	6	2	8	7	-	7	1	1	2	4	2	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	-	3





INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGISTERED IN 1968

<u>Infectious Disease</u>	Under 1	1 - 4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-65	Over 65	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	-	12	3	1	-	-	-	16
Infective Hepatitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
<u>Tuberculosis</u>								
(a) Respiratory	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
(b) Other forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	15	8	1	1	1	-	27

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

It is pleasing to note that notifications of infectious disease are the lowest since 1958. The steady yearly immunisations figures are showing dividends and with the advent of vaccination against measles should, I have no doubt, result in even better figures in the future.

It is, however, essential to maintain immunisation procedures for any relaxation will undoubtedly lead to an increase in these troublesome diseases.

Measles.

This was a predictably low year - 16 cases against 108 last year. It will be interesting to compare figures after a couple of years or so vaccination against this miserable disease.

Sonné Dysentery

No case was notified in the district during the year.

Food Poisoning

One isolated case only occurred.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Still on the decrease - only one case was notified during the year.



The vaccination and immunisation figures given below are for the combined Freebridge - King's Lynn area.

<u>VACCINATION</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>RE-VACCINATION</u>
Under 5 years ... ..	293 (239)	8 (4)
5 - 15 years ... ..	28 (61)	45 (40)
	<hr/> 321 (300) <hr/>	<hr/> 53 (44) <hr/>

<u>IMMUNISATION</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>RE-IMMUNISATION</u>
(a) Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus		
under 5 years . . . . .	517 (510)	238 (163)
6 - 16 years .. . . .	37 (29)	397 (289)
	<hr/> 554 (539) <hr/>	<hr/> 635 (452) <hr/>

(b) Poliomyelitis	No. of persons receiving Sabin(Oral) Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Quadruple Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Salk Vaccine	Total
<u>Age Group</u>				
Children born in 1968	135	-	-	135
Children born in 1967	317	-	-	317
Children born in 1966	64	-	-	64
Children born in 1965	21	-	-	21
Children born in 1961-64	41	-	-	41
Others under age 16	10	-	-	10
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Persons receiving re-inforcing doses of Poliomyelitis Vaccine:

<u>Age Group</u>	No. of persons receiving Quadruple Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Salk Vaccine	No. of persons receiving Sabin(Oral) Vaccine	Total
Children born in 1968	-	-	-	-
Children born in 1967	-	-	60	60
Children born in 1966	-	-	65	65
Children born in 1965	-	-	19	19
Children born in 1961-64	-	-	343	343
Others under age 16	-	-	32	32
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(c) <u>Measles</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>RE-IMMUNISATION</u>
<u>Age Group</u>		
Children born in 1968	2	-
Children born in 1967	71	-
Children born in 1966	54	-
Children born in 1965	64	-
Children born in 1961-64	491	-
Others under age 16	110	-
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WATER SUPPLIES.

A. 1.	<u>Shallow Well - Grimston</u>	2. 1. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 35
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 25
2.	<u>Shallow Well - Grimston</u>	2. 1. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 160
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 160
3.	<u>Private Bore - West Acre</u>	21. 2. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 0
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 0
4.	<u>Shallow Well - West Winch</u>	24. 4. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 0
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 0
5.	<u>River Water - West Newton</u>	2. 7. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 7
	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 5
6.	<u>Shallow Well - Little Massingham</u>	8. 7. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 180 +
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 180 +
7.	<u>Shallow Well - Pott Row, Grimston</u>	24. 7. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 180 +
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 20
8.	<u>River Water - West Newton</u>	17. 9. 1968
(a)	Probable number of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	= 0
(b)	" " " B coli (type 1) " " "	= 0

B. COUNCIL BORES.

35 Samples - Satisfactory

2 " - Suspicious

TOTAL WATER SAMPLES = 45





TABLE 1

PIPE - BORNE WATER SUPPLIES.

PARISH	SUPPLIED TO PROPERTIES.	
	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population.</u>
BAWSEY	53	200
CASTLE ACRE	273	850
CASTLE RISING	72	175
CONGHAM	66	203
FLITCHAM	90	275
GAYTON	306	880
GRIMSTON	444	1250
HARPLEY	127	330
HILLINGTON	90	240
LEZIATE	188	530
GREAT MASSINGHAM	290	735
LITTLE MASSINGHAM	36	110
MIDDLETON	407	1099
PENTNEY	118	403
ROYDON	95	260
NORTH RUNCTON	166	506
SANDRINGHAM	206	570
EAST WALTON	33	103
WEST ACRE	61	243
EAST WINCH	192	551
WEST WINCH	516	1624
NORTH WOOTTON	274	757
SOUTH WOOTTON	629	1968
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	4732	13862
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING 1968.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

INSPECTIONS

The number of inspections and visits made in conjunction with the various branches of Public Health work during the year are as follows:

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>	<u>Total No. of Visits.</u>
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.</u>		
Drainage Miscellaneous ... ..	253	
Keeping of Animals ... ..	37	
Dirty or Verminous premises ... ..	6	
Water Supplies ... ..	214	
Water Samples ... ..	45	
Sewerage and Disposal Plants .. ..	443	
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	180	
Building Regulations ... ..	<u>1400</u>	2578
<u>FOOD</u>		
Unsound food ... ..	4	
Food premises for byelaws etc . . . . .	70	
Ice Cream Samples ... ..	30	
Slaughter houses or Knackers Yard . . . . .	112	
Meat Staining Regs. 1960 ... ..	<u>29</u>	245
<u>PETROLEUM ACTS.</u>		
No. of Site Inspections ... ..	24	
Licences Issued ... ..	<u>4</u>	28
<u>CIVIC AMENITIES ACT</u> ... ..	<u>5</u>	5
<u>HOUSING</u>		
Slum clearance or Closing Order ... ..	94	
Repairs ... ..	75	
Overcrowding or Poor living conditions ... ..	10	
Improvement Grants ... ..	300	
Council, Estates ... ..	92	
Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1958 . . . . .	<u>14</u>	585
<u>MOVEABLE DWELLINGS</u>		
Site Inspections ... ..	46	
No. of dwellings inspected ... ..	<u>18</u>	64
<u>INFECTIOUS DISEASES</u>		
Investigations ... ..	187	
Collection of specimens ... ..	<u>70</u>	257
<u>DISEASES OF ANIMALS</u>		
Investigations ... ..	<u>10</u>	10
<u>PESTS ACT - RODENT CONTROL</u>		
Supervisory Inspections ... ..	<u>8</u>	8
<u>FACTORIES ACT</u>		
Factories visited ... ..	<u>2</u>	2
<u>OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT</u> .. ..	<u>29</u>	29
<u>STREET NAMING</u> ... ..	<u>7</u>	7

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## HOUSING

A number of repairs to properties were effected by means of preliminary notices, letter and personal approaches to landlords etc., without having recourse to serving of Statutory Notices.

Under the Housing Acts, however, certain Statutory action has been taken and is as follows:-

### (a) HOUSING ACT 1957

Notices of Intention to make Closing/Demolition Orders .....	29
Closing Orders & Demolition Orders rescinded .....	12
Demolition Orders made .....	10
Closing Orders made .....	7

### (b) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1936 - 61

Preliminary Notices served .....	4
Nuisances abated .....	4

### (c) HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959

I am happy to report there has been an increase in the number of applications for Discretionary Grants. In all 54 grants were given as compared with 30 for last year.

The average grant per dwelling was £366 as compared with £353 for the previous year.

The table below gives full details over the last 3 years.

<u>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
1. No. of dwellings in respect of which a grant has been approved	44	36	26
2. No. of such dwellings owner occupied	19 (43 $\frac{1}{2}$ %)	10 (28 $\frac{1}{2}$ %)	13 (50%)
3. No. of such dwellings occupied by tenant	25 (56 $\frac{1}{2}$ %)	26 (72%)	13 (50%)
4. Total of approved expenditure	£28,107	£26,647	£24,363
5. Total of approved grants	£14,286	£12,706	£9,518
6. Average grant per dwelling	£325	£353	£366

Number of grants paid in 1968 = 54

### STANDARD GRANTS

As regards Standard Grants, the number of grants given for 1968 was 30, an increase of 3

By the end of the year 17 grants had been finally settled and the total amount paid was £3590, an average of £211 per dwelling as compared with £192 for 1967.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
1. No. of dwellings in respect of which a grant has been approved	23	27	30
2. No. of such dwellings owner occupied	15 = 65%	19 = 70%	16 = 55%
3. No. of such dwellings occupied by tenants	8 = 35%	8 = 30%	13 = 45%





## STANDARD GRANTS

The number of grants for providing:

(a)	All facilities .. .. .	28
(b)	" " except food store .. ..	1
(c)	" " " W.C. & foodstore .. ..	-
(d)	" " " W.C. & hot water to wash-hand basin ..	-
(e)	" " " Foodstore and hot water to sink .. ..	-
(f)	" " " hot water to sink .. ..	-
(g)	Hot water system complete and foodstore	-
(h)	Hot water system complete .. ..	-
(i)	W.C. only .. .. .	1

Total of maximum grants approved = £6,348.

Of the above 30, 26 qualified for additional grant above the appropriate standard grant for providing:

1. Septic Tanks
2. Buildings for bathroom, or
3. Water supply for first time.

## HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

During the year 8 applications for loans under the above Act have been received, 2 of which were refused, the other 6 were taken up.

## COUNCIL HOUSING

In 1968 no new dwellings were actually completed, but 14 new dwellings were still under construction as an extension to the Freebridge Haven Estate, West Winch, together with the road and footpath extensions; also 30 new dwellings at East Winch were commenced.

## BUILDING REGULATIONS 1965

A total of 448 applications were approved under the Building Regulations, as compared with 669 in 1967.

Details regarding buildings approved are as follows:

	<u>HOUSES</u>	<u>BUNGALOWS</u>
Castle Rising	2	-
Congham	-	16
Gayton	-	16
Grimston	-	4
Harpley	3	1
Hillington	-	1
Leziate	1	-
Ashwicken	1	1
Gt. Massingham	-	6
Middleton	-	27
Pentney	-	3
Roydon	-	22
North Runcton	3	1
Sandringham	-	12
East Winch	-	2
West Winch	2	20
North Wootton	-	3
South Wootton	34	31
	<hr/> 46	<hr/> 166



# BUILDING REGULATIONS 1965 cont'd

During the year 161 new dwellings were completed as against 177 for 1967 and there were 117 in course of erection at the end of 1968 as against 179 in 1967.

This reduction is due to the restrictions made by the Council on all large scale speculative development in the Wootton Parishes and Castle Rising.

1968 figures for dwellings completed are summarised below:

	Completed		Being Built	
	Houses	Bungalows	Houses	Bungalows
Castle Rising	-	-	1	-
Congham	-	1	-	5
Gayton	-	1	-	2
Grimston	-	13	-	4
Harpley	-	-	1	2
Hillington	-	-	-	-
Leziate	-	-	-	-
Great Massingham	-	3	-	1
Middleton	1	10	-	3
Pentney	-	1	-	2
Roydon	-	3	-	18
North Runcton	1	2	1	-
East Winch	-	8	-	4
West Winch	14	10	2	19
North Wootton	27	2	27	-
South Wootton	24	40	22	3
	67	94	54	63





## WATER SUPPLIES

During the year 70 man/days were lost through illness.  
163 new connections were made, and 8 new meters were installed.

## EXTENSIONS

*	53 yds	North Wootton	-	Camgate Construction Ltd.	2" dia
*	260 yds	" "	-	" " "	3" dia
*	333 yds	South Wootton	-	The Birches	3" dia
*	107 yds	" "	-	Hall & Jex, Sandy Lane	3" dia
C	120 yds	Middleton	-	Freebridge Terrace	3" dia
C	113 yds	East Winch	-	New Council Houses	3" dia
*	153 yds	Roydon	-	Wagg & Jex	3" dia
*	140 yds	South Wootton	-	Barkers Site	3" dia
C	207 yds	East Winch	-	Council Site	3" dia
*	60 yds	Grimston	-	E. Spragg	3" dia
*	13 yds	West Newton	-	Fisher & Co.	3" dia
*	20 yds	Grimston	-	E. Spragg	3" dia
*	27 yds	Gayton	-	Laughton & Fuller	3" dia
* Private Building Sites.					

In the early part of the year, an approach to the County Planning Authority was made, asking them to support us by refusing, on the grounds of being premature, any large scale development in North and South Wootton. A strong approach had also been made to King's Lynn Corporation asking them to increase the water supply to the parishes concerned. To their credit, and with this in mind a scheme to augment the supply by way of a new 21" dia. main from their Hillington borewells was submitted to the Ministry, but following an Inquiry held in May last however, and much to the amazement of everyone, the Ministry refused consent to the scheme in question.

In September of this year the Council agreed to the draft of the new North West Norfolk Water Board as prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but we did not expect this newly formed Board would become fully operative in April, 1969, the date given by the Ministry.

Last year the lead roof of the high level water tank at Appleton Tower was stolen. This year the copper lightning conductor was stolen, but whether by the same gentlemen, one does not know, as nothing further has been heard regarding either felony.

## WATER SAMPLING

During the year 37 samples were taken for chemical and/or bacteriological examination.

Details of samples are as follows:

TABLE 2

	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>	<u>Suspicious</u>
Castleacre	5	-	-
Castle Rising	9	-	-
Harpley Dams	5	-	-
Sandringham	13	-	2
Westacre	3	-	-
	<u>35</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>



REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly collection of domestic refuse continues to operate throughout the district.

Throughout the year 191 man/days were lost due to illness; this figure is higher than normal; this was partially attributable to the absence of one of our oldest and best employees, through recurring illness. Also 4 man/days were lost due to absence from work, for which payment was deducted.

A great disappointment to me was the deletion from my annual estimates of my proposal to replace kerbside collection by what is known as house collection. This was done on the grounds of economy and in view of the credit squeeze which then prevailed, but one feels that improvements to the collection scheme, and on the lines suggested could have been implemented with vehicle costs spread over a 5 year loan, as was done in the purchase of office equipment found necessary for administrative purposes and at some equivalent cost.

Bearing in mind that we were one of the first Rural Authorities in the County to introduce refuse collection on a weekly basis, it seems somewhat apathetic to rest on one's laurels and make no effort to improve the scheme. This is something for which I shall continue to press, as, irrespective of the cost involved, and this I might say is by no means exorbitant, improvements to the scheme as proposed would be of material benefit to all householders in the district.

In June we took delivery of a new 25 cu.yard dual tip refuse collection vehicle, This was none too soon, as with the continued growth in the population of the district, one can foresee the need for another machine in the not too distant future.

Towards the latter part of the year, the King's Lynn Corporation joined us in tipping activities at the South Wootton tip, when it was estimated that these clay pits would be filled completely by the following April.

SEPTIC TANK CESSPOOL EMPTYING

1361 were emptied as compared with 1420 for the previous year.

Details of the years work regarding septic tanks/cesspools emptied are as follows:-

	<u>Private Properties</u>		<u>Council Properties</u>	
	No. of Cesspools	No. of Loads	No. of Cesspools	No. of Loads
Free Servicing	676	864	66	117
Emptied on chargeable basis	479	748	140	325
	1155	1612	206	442

Revenue from those emptied on a chargeable basis amounted to £1,155. 10. Od.





## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The major sewerage disposal works at Little Massingham and West Winch continue to operate satisfactorily. At the latter plant certain additional works have been carried out. Three additional sludge drying beds were constructed and came into operation, and also a Lea Recorder was installed. This latter addition has proved of great use as it measures daily flow and so gives us an accurate picture of the exact intake at the plant.

Towards the latter part of the year the North and South Wootton Scheme, together with all house connections was completed. At about the same time, the Council accepted a Tender for the sewerage of Gayton and Grimston. It is to be hoped that the Council continues to press the County Council regarding similar major schemes for some of our other larger Parishes, particularly Middleton, Great Massingham and Castleacre. Also during the year an approach was received from the Sandringham Estate as to whether the Council would take over the whole of their Sewerage Disposal Works. The Council agreed to give consideration to this request, and to make it clear it would be subject to satisfactory examination of the existing scheme and all calculations in connection with certain proposed amendments of the present system.

## PESTS ACT 1949

This Act continues to be enforced quite efficiently by the employment of one man, for whom a lock-up store and poisons are all provided.

Regular attention is given to all our own properties and refuse tips etc. Domestic premises continue to be treated at no cost whilst a charge of 10/6d per hour is made on all farm and business premises, for which a total of £53 was collected.

A brief summary of the work done is as follows:

£49 17 6d was collected for treatment of Rats and Mice.

£3 3 0d was collected for the disposal of wasps nests.

	<u>Premises Treated</u>	<u>Inspections, Visits &amp; Surveys</u>
<u>FREE</u>		
Council Property (excluding Housing Sites)	47	254
Private and Council Houses	801	4233
<u>CHARGEABLE</u>		
Business Premises	3	17
Farms	21	98
TOTAL	872	4602
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Total 1967 =	837	4178





## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The total number of licences in force was 10; of these only 3 licences related to what may be termed large scale residential sites. These are as follows:

1. SOUTH WOOTTON - Gap Farm Site (55 caravans). In July an application was made to extend the site to 95 caravans, an increase of 40. This was subsequently withdrawn, but in October a fresh application was submitted, but was not determined either way as certain planning conditions were still under negotiation.
2. SOUTH WOOTTON - Wootton Woods Site (75 caravans). Having been granted planning permission last year as a housing site, the nucleus of vans on this site continued to diminish with approximately 30 vans on site.
3. BAWSEY - Innisfree Site (40 Caravans). After some pressure from the Council, most of the site conditions regarding ablutions etc. as shown in the licence were complied with.

In general appearance however, the site was more unsatisfactory than it should or need have been. This was due mainly to dumping on the site of disused cars and vans which were destined for the vehicle crushing plant on land adjoining. Finally, the Council were forced to take this matter up with the site owners and an undertaking was given to discontinue this practice and clear up the site.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

3 Specimens were collected regarding suspected food poisoning. Results were all negative.

21 Specimens were collected from contacts and pupils attending North Wootton School.

27 Specimens collected from pupils attending schools in King's Lynn.

16 Specimens collected from contacts and pupils attending South Wootton School.

3 Specimens collected from contacts of Salmonellosis in chickens. Results all negative.

There was a substantial increase in the number of investigations and visits made, a total of 257 as against 136 for the previous year. This was partly attributable to an outbreak of sonné dysentery in pupils resident in the District, but attending schools in King's Lynn.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSE ACT 1958

During the year inspections were made by a Ministry of Agriculture veterinary surgeon of the licensed slaughterhouse and knackers yard, and he expressed his continued satisfaction with both premises.

112 visits were made to the above premises in order to obtain the 100% meat inspection.

Details of carcasses inspected and condemnations required are tabulated below:-

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	102	-	-	5	329	-
Number inspected	102	-	-	5	329	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & Cysticerci	3.92	-	-	-	1.5	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	6	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.7	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcass submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-





## DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT 1950

10 cases of Salmonellosis in calves were reported and investigated.

## SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY

There are a number of large poultry breeding and rearing establishments in the District, but there is still only one turkey farm in the District at which birds are slaughtered on a seasonal basis.

During the year 12 visits were made to this establishment.

## THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

The administration of this Order is delegated to the Council, but so far as is known there are no persons collecting swill in the District.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 50

No burials were carried out by this Council during the year.

## THE OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in these establishments.

## REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

<u>Class of Premises</u>	NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED DURING YEAR	NUMBER REGISTERED AT END OF YEAR	NUMBER OF PREMISES VISITED
OFFICES .. .. .	-	8	5
RETAIL SHOPS .. .. .	2	31	18
WHOLESALE SHOPS, WAREHOUSES ..	-	2	2
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS .. .. .	-	2	2
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS .. .. .	-	2	2
TOTAL	2	45	29

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES 29



ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN  
REGISTERED PREMISES

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>
OFFICE .. .. .	15
WHOLESALE .. .. .	7
RETAIL SHOPS .. .. .	66
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO PUBLIC .. ..	4
CANTEENS .. .. .	-
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS .. .. .	3
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MALES 36 : FEMALES 59	TOTAL 95
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EXEMPTIONS	NIL
PROSECUTIONS	NIL
REPORTED ACCIDENTS	NIL

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Attention has been given to the proper enforcement of the Food Hygiene Regulations; inspections were often made in conjunction with visits made under the Offices and Shops Act.

The number of food premises in the District are as follows:-

Public Houses .. .. .	32
Clubs .. .. .	6
Grocers .. .. .	42
Ice Cream Retailers .. .. .	34
Confectioners .. .. .	9
Bakehouses .. .. .	-
Butchers .. .. .	7
Fish Friers .. .. .	2

30 Ice cream samples were taken and submitted for Methylene blue tests.

Results      Grade I = 26  
                 Grade II = 4





## CONCLUSION

It will be noted from the Report that it has been an active year, with an increase in the total number of visits made for all purposes, and this includes an increase in inspections made under the Building Regulations. Had it not been that a restriction upon all large scale development in North and South Wootton was imposed, due to an inadequate water supply, the figures would, one imagines, have been even higher. As regards Council development, whereas a number of dwellings were in course of erection, one regrets to have to report none were actually completed and handed over during the year.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members for their courtesy, and also the Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health for their most valuable co-operation and assistance.

My thanks are also due to all my staff for the great help I have received from them throughout the year.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

W.R. WATKINS,

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.



FACTORIES ACT, 1961

This table is enclosed by a request of the Ministry of Labour to indicate to Medical Officers of Health the prescribed particulars which are required by Section 153(1) of the Factories Act, 1961, to be furnished in their Annual Reports with respect to matters under Parts I and VIII of that Act which are administered by the District Council. This table, which is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, should be attached as an annex to the Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1968  
FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN  
IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	21	2	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	45	45	-	-
TOTAL	68	49	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-





Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Out-work)					
total					

NIL



## PART VIII OF THE ACT

## Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making etc cleaning & washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains & nets						
Furniture & upholstery						
Curtains & furniture hangings						
Electro- plate						
File making						
Brass & Brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron & Steel cables & chain						
Iron & Steel anchors & grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches & keys						
Umbrellas, etc						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet & tennis balls						





PART VIII OF THE ACT (Contd.)

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

NIL







